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The Honorable Gabrielle Giffords United States House of Representatives 1728 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Giffords:

Thank you for your letter dated May 26, 2010, expressing concern over a possible boycott by our union of Arizona businesses and the consequences such actions could have on the people of Arizona. As you will see, however, the MLBPA to date has made no decision regarding any such boycott.

On April 30, 2010, I released a statement on behalf of the Association expressing our concern with the new statute. It included the following sentence: "The Major League Baseball Players Association opposes this law as written. We hope that the law is repealed or modified promptly. If the current law goes into effect, the MLBPA will consider additional steps necessary to protect the rights and interests of our members."

I appreciate the observation in your letter that you share some of our concerns about the new statute. Clearly, it could be very problematic for anyone who falls within its reach, athlete or not. Be assured, I will keep your comments in mind as we move forward.

I have attached a complete copy of our statement for your review.

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